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The following remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action dated August 13, 2002.

REMARKS

**I. Introduction**

Claims 1-6, 13, and 15-18 are all the claims pending in the application, and claims 1-6, 13, and 15-18 were examined. The Examiner withdrew the prior indication of allowability of claims 1, 5, and 6 in view of newly applied U.S. Patent No. 5,838,354, issued to Yamada et al. (hereinafter "Yamada"). Claims 1, 5, and 6 now stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Yamada. Furthermore, claims 13 and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over McCulley, U.S. Patent No. 938,885 (hereinafter "McCulley"), in view of Smedal, U.S. Patent No. 1,128,730 (hereinafter "Smedal"). Additionally, claim 15 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable